

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

In the Matter of: *
*
"FIRE ON BOARD M/V COLUMBIA" *
DOCKET NO. DCA-00-MM030 *

TRANSCRIPTION OF THE COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE
(SAR) TAPES

GMT Time of tape starts at 20:17:18
Stops at 21:08:11

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 Taku, Columbia, Channel 16.

3 Columbia to Taku --

4 Come up on 11, okay.

5 Roger, One, one.

6 -- Motor Vessel Columbia, Motor Vessel

7 Columbia, this is Coast Guard cutter Anacapa channel 1-
8 6-over.

9 Motor Vessel Columbia WRI 2092.

10 Columbia, Anacapa, Roger, we are about 4.7
11 miles away, do you want us to come over, over.

12 Go up, Two, two. Roger.

13 -- this is 16.

14 (Inaudible) eight, one, oh, three.

15 (Inaudible)

16 (Inaudible) do you copy?

17 (Inaudible)

18 Motor Vessel Columbia, Motor Vessel Columbia,
19 this is cutter Anacapa, cutter Anacapa, channel one, six

20 This is cutter Anacapa, channel 16.

21 You got the Taku.

22 Are you on 11, sir?

23 Roger, one, one.

24 (Inaudible.)

25 (Inaudible) key, this is --

1 (Inaudible) -- WI six, eight, zero, three, we
2 are departing for Haines in approximately 15 minutes
3 northbound -- (inaudible)

4 (Inaudible) W, two, zero -- calling the --
5 No seaman, no seaman, this is Emerald Star.
6 This is (inaudible) switch to channel one,
7 two, over.

8 No seaman, no seaman, this Emerald Star.
9 (Inaudible) over.

10 Do you have a channel we could turn to?
11 -- OK, One, two.

12 Motor Vessel Taku.

13 This is Columbia, Channel 16.

14 This is Taku WI9 4991

15 I've got a reflash, can you send me some air
16 packs and rescue boats.

17 Roger, be on my way.

18 -- Taku captain --

19 Taku (inaudible)

20 Taku, Ive got my mustang, I have my rig in
21 the water in about two minutes here.

22 Taku to Anacapa.

23 Taku --

24 Taku WI --

25 Taku and -- my RHI is going to be in the

1 water within a minute here. Do you want us to deliver
2 those air packs?

3 Yeah, we have got -- two (inaudible) and send
4 some with the other boat, too.

5 Roger. I will be over in your location
6 momentarily.

7 Good.

8 (Inaudible, Columbia on one, six.

9 Columbia to Anacapa, go ahead.

10 Anyways, yeah, we could use all the emergency
11 here. We could use air packs. We could use assistance
12 also if you have it.

13 Roger, sir. What do you want for men, I have
14 got OBAs, I don't have Scott Air packs, so I can't
15 deliver the air packs to you, but I will send over some
16 personnel and FOPs, over.

17 (Inaudible)

18 (Inaudible)

19 Eighteen.

20 (Inaudible)

21 Miss Gail, Miss Gail, Miss Gail.

22 Taku, Anacapa

23 Taku on 16.

24 Do you (inaudible)

25 Say again, please.

1 Are you going to be on channel 11?

2 Go on number two on our hand held. We are
3 internal two, we are monitoring 11 and 16 on the
4 bridge.

5 Roger. We are go external on, we will go 11
6 here, switch over to 11.

7 I've got only the one radio left on the
8 bridge, Annacap, Taku, so let's stay-by on channel
9 16 - Motor Vessel Columbia out.

10 Columbia captain, roger, we will send over
11 some radios, also we are dressing a four man team to
12 send over to you. Over

13 Roger. Thank you.

14 (Inaudible)

15 Columbia, Anacapa

16 Captain, Columbia, go ahead.

17 Roger. I am also going to inform Juneau
18 Command Center of what is going on.

19 Roger.

20 Break-Break. Juneau radio, Juneau radio, this
21 is cutter Anacapa, cutter Anacapa, channel one, six.

22 Anacapa, Juneau radio, over.

23 This is Cutter Anacapa, cutter Anacapa,
24 channel one, six, over.

25 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau radio, over.

1 Shift two, one, over.

2 Roger, two, one.

3 Go ahead Cutter Anacapa, Juneau radio, two,
4 one, over.

5 Juneau radio, Cutter Anacapa, roger. I am in
6 position five, seven, five, one, decimal three north,
7 one, three, four, four, nine, west, on scene with the
8 Motor Vessel Columbia. They have experienced an engine
9 room fire. It was out at one point and has reflashed.
10 I am sending over a four man fire party to join the
11 efforts, over. Motor Vessel Taku is also on scene,
12 over.

13 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau radio, roger.
14 position, five, seven, five, one decimal three north,
15 one, three, four, four nine, west. Motor Vessel
16 Columbia experienced reflash, four man from Annacapa
17 enroute, request when they will be on scene, also
18 request description of Motor Vessel Columbia, over.

19 Juneau Radio Capper, roger, that is the
20 Alaska State Ferry Columbia. Be advised the Alaska
21 State Ferry Taku is also on scene, over.

22 Roger, request when they reported this to
23 you, over.

24 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, roger, approximately -
25 - roger, overheard Motor Vessel Columbia and talk to a

1 conversation at 12:16, over.

2 Anacapa, Juneau radio, so as far as you know
3 they never actually made a call to the Coast Guard,
4 over.

5 Not as far as I know.

6 Anacapa, Juneau radio, roger, the question is
7 now when your four man team will be on scene, over.

8 They will be on scene approximately in five
9 minutes.

10 Roger, will be on scene five minutes.

11 Request description of fire on Motor Vessel Columbia,
12 over.

13 Juneau Radio, cutter Anacapa, rodger, as far
14 as I know now, it's an engine room fire, I don't have
15 any details, over.

16 Anacapa, Juneau radio, roger, stand by.

17 Juneau radio, Anacapa, Juneau radio, over.

18 Juneau radio, Anacapa, go ahead.

19 Juneau radio, Anacapa, Juneau radio, Juneau
20 radio. Request to know if there are any injured people
21 on the Columbia, request to know how many people are
22 onboard the Columbia, request to know if any other
23 Coast Guard assets will be required, over.

24 Juneau radio, cutter Anacapa, at this time we
25 do not know any of that information. Columbia is in

1 the process of fighting the fire, over.

2 Juneau radio, Anacapa, Juneau radio, we will
3 contact the Motor Vessel Columbia directly on 16 and
4 see if we can get this information for the command
5 center, over.

6 Juneau radio, cutter Anacapa, roger. They're
7 monitoring channel 16, be advised they are on a hand
8 held radio, if you need us to relay, let us know.

9 Anacapa, Juneau radio, roger, out.

10 Motor Vessel Columbia, Motor Vessel Columbia,
11 Coast Guard Juneau Radio, over.

12 Coast Guard Juneau Radio, Columbia, one, six.

13 Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger. Request the
14 following information: request status of your engine
15 room fire. Request number of persons onboard. Request
16 to know further assistance you will need, over.

17 Standby, sir.

18 (Pause.)

19 Juneau Radio, Motor Vessel Columbia.

20 Currently we are uncertain of the status of the engine
21 room fire. We thought we had it out, and investigated
22 it, but we may have had a flashback. We have the
23 compartment sealed and someone investigating with air
24 packs, but we are running low on air, and we are
25 waiting for some air bottles from the Motor Vessel Taku

1 before we can do a thorough reinvestigation of this
2 space. I have a total of 434 passengers onboard and 66
3 crew members, I believe. We are checking that right
4 now. On the bottom (inaudible) 63 crew members
5 onboard. The assistance I need is a towing vessel. My
6 company is arranging that for a tow boat to standby.
7 In the meantime, I have the Coast Guard Cutter Anacapa
8 and the Motor Vessel State Ferry Taku standing by with
9 some assistance, additional emergency equipment. We
10 have pretty decent weather, a light wind, three or four
11 miles of visibility and a light rain. All my
12 passengers are mustered on the upper decks and safe at
13 this time. Over.

14 Roger. How close are you to land, over?

15 We are in the middle of Chatham Strait, I
16 have no radar, I am estimating it is about three miles
17 to the nearest land, over.

18 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger.
19 Do you request more air bottles, and if so, which type
20 are they so they could be resupplied, over.

21 At this time I think the Taku can meet all of
22 our needs for air bottles. And we have a fire team
23 coming over from the Anacapa with their OBA type gear
24 and we should have a decent assessment in a minute. If
25 I need some more bottles, we will certainly get the

1 word out as soon as possible, but I think we have
2 enough now to cover the situation. Over.

3 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger,
4 we are directed to a shotgun UMIB, stand by.

5 Pan, pan, pan, pan, pan pan, hello all
6 stations. This is the United States Coast Guard Juneau
7 Radio, United States Coast Guard Juneau Radio. The
8 Motor Vessel Columbia an Alaska State Ferry has an
9 engine room fire in the following position, five,
10 seven, five, one, decimal three north, one, three,
11 four, four, nine, west. A Coast Guard Cutter and a
12 State Ferry are on scene assisting, any further
13 assistance, request contact Coast Guard Juneau Radio.
14 Coast Guard Juneau Radio out.

15 Taku, Columbia, go ahead.

16 Do you want any of our crew member personnel
17 to help assist you?

18 I think we're okay for now, Tom, thank you
19 for offering.

20 Coast Guard Juneau Radio, Doug Brandit, of IV
21 nine, zero, one, eight on channel 16.

22 Doug calling this Juneau radio, over.

23 We would like to have a IV, repeat the
24 coordinate, the coordinate of the Columbia, okay.

25 Roger that position, it is five, seven, five,

1 one, decimal three, north, one, three, four, four --
2 Standby.

3 Position is five, seven, five, one, decimal
4 three, north, one, three, four, four nine, west. The
5 State Ferry Taku and the Coast Guard Ancapa are both on
6 scene with the vessel. Are you willing to offer
7 further assistance. Over.

8 (Inaudible) zero, one, two, two alpha.

9 Request we stand by on 16. Confirm you are
10 the tug Bandit and that you can respond and in what
11 time. Over.

12 We are trying to get the fix on the ship, we
13 are standing by, we are presently in Juneau right now,
14 okay.

15 Tug Bandit, Juneau Radio, roger, we will be
16 standing by 16 radio, out.

17 This is the tug Banner, B-A-N-N-E-R, okay,
18 Banner.

19 Banner, Juneau Radio, roger, out.

20 Break, break, Motor Vessel Columbia, Motor
21 Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

22 (Inaudible)

23 (Inaudible)

24 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

25 (Inaudible)

1 You were kind of breaking up, you say go to
2 channel eight.

3 Eight, channel eight.

4 Motor Vessel Columbia, Motor Vessel Columbia,
5 Juneau Radio, over.

6 This is the Columbia back, go ahead.

7 Roger, request further status at this time,
8 over.

9 Nothing to report right now. We just had the
10 boat from the Anacapa come aboard with some additional
11 fire fighting personnel, and the Taku is still sending
12 over some air bottles. We haven't received those yet.

13 But, we still have the compartment sealed up and
14 contained until we can reinvestigate. We have
15 ventilated the upper decks on the ship. The passengers
16 are calm and all on the upper deck. Over.

17 Roger. Request the extent of the fire that
18 originally happened. Was it a full fuel engine fire or
19 other, over.

20 As far as I can ascertain, it was a control
21 booth fire. I am guessing it was an electrical fire.
22 We do have the fuel shut off to the main engine room
23 from the remote shut off valve and the ventilation shut
24 down, all the water tight doors shut down, except for
25 one to give access to the generator room, and the crew,

1 the engine crew is trying to start the ship's service
2 generators to see if we can get power up to the whole
3 ship, all the ship's systems. Over.

4 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger,
5 stand by. Break, Break, Coast Guard cutter Anacapa,
6 Juneau Radio, over.

7 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, go-ahead.

8 Cutter Anacapa , Juneau Radio, roger, do you
9 need additional equipment or support to be delivered to
10 you. Over

11 Juneau radio, Cutter Anacapa. Negative, not
12 unless the Columbia needs some further assistance. I
13 don't need anything right now, over.

14 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, Junea Radio. Confirm
15 that you do not need additional assistance or equipment
16 at this time, over.

17 Juneau Radio, Cutter Anacapa, that's a roger,
18 I do not need additional equipment or personnel at this
19 time. Over.

20 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. Out.

21 (Inaudible.)

22 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

23 This is the Columbia, go ahead.

24 Motor Vessel Columbia, this is Juneau Radio,
25 roger, did you originally call the Coast Guard or the

1 Motor Vessel Taku with your fire, over.

2 Motor Vessel Taku and then the Anacapa came
3 back over here on our transmission and she offered
4 assistance (inaudible)

5 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger.
6 When did the fire first start, over.

7 We lost power at 12:07, one, two, zero,
8 seven.

9 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger,
10 out. Break, Break, Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

11 Go ahead.

12 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger, command central
13 said they will be sending a Coast Guard helicopter,
14 request standby, over.

15 Standing by, one, six.

16 Motor Vessel Columbia, Taku, WI nine, four,
17 nine, one my boat's coming over with additional persons
18 and equipment there.

19 Roger, Capper. Would you give us one more
20 long and lat here, just so we can get another bearing.

21 Roger.

22 Melanie Nowell, Melanie Nowell, this is Bear
23 Track, come in.

24 Motor Vessel Columbia. Taku. Ready to copy.
25 Fifty seven degrees, 61.0, north one, thirty four

1 degrees, 28.4 west.

2 Thank you, Captain.

3 Yes.

4 (Inaudible) Harbor Master. This is the Golden
5 Eagle, over.

6 Say again, I didn't hear the channel.

7 I'm going to zero, six.

8 Melanie Nowell, Melanie Nowell, this is the
9 Bear Track, come in.

10 Melanie Nowell.

11 What channel, Glenn.

12 Try six, eight again.

13 (Inaudible)

14 This is (inaudible)

15 (Inaudible) OBC, OBC. No problem.

16 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

17 Juneau radio, this is the Columbia, go ahead.

18 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

19 Juneau Radio, this is the Columbia. Go

20 ahead.

21 Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger. Request more
22 specifics on the fire and when it happened and the
23 possible extent. Request to know the bottles from the
24 Taku have ever arrived yet. Over.

25 They are on scene now. We'll give you other

1 information when it's available, over.

2 Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger. Is the Taku
3 actually on scene with you or are they immediately on
4 the scene, over.

5 They are actually a quarter mile off our
6 starboard side.

7 Information I got was you want to know the
8 time, the update on the fire.

9 Columbia, Juneau Radio, correct, over.

10 (Inaudible)

11 Harbor Master, Harbor Master, Auke Bay at
12 Juneau, this is the Rosa.

13 (Inaudible) with ABC, no problem, clear, and
14 thank you.

15 Harbor Master, Auke Bay go ahead.

16 Yes, we are about, oh, a mile off your break
17 water and we are looking for some orange --

18 Switch, seven, four, please.

19 Switching to seven, four.

20 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

21 Juneau, this is Columbia.

22 Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger. No
23 arrangements will need to be made for transferring
24 passengers to the Taku. That will only be done if
25 there is a further emergency. Over.

1 We will be determining if we will be
2 evacuating the ship. At this time we don't see any
3 necessity for that.

4 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger.
5 Also request to know general status of the passengers,
6 over.

7 We've had them all muster and accounted for.

8 (Inaudible) situation, it is a calm situation
9 at this time. We have plenty of people on scene and we
10 will just keep you updated as we (inaudible) and the
11 situation as I am sure you understand.

12 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger.
13 Out.

14 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

15 Cutter Anacapa, wait one.

16 Juneau Radio, Motor Vessel Columbia.

17 Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

18 I have got my chief engineer, my first
19 assistant engineer and one Coast Guard officer suited
20 up and on their way to the space right now, over.

21 Roger, confirm that. Three people, one a
22 Coast Guard officer are accessing the space at this
23 time, over.

24 Roger.

25 Juneau Radio, Anacapa.

1 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

2 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, roger. Our petty

3 officers are assisting the Motor Vessel Columbia.

4 They're accessing the space right now (inaudible)

5 (Inaudible)

6 (Inaudible)

7 All stations, launch Mayday, Coast Guard

8 Juneau Radio, out.

9 Break, Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

10 Anacapa. (Inaudible)

11 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, confirm your last,

12 that the three are accessing the space, over.

13 Roger. They are going to crack the hatch and

14 see what the situation is inside right now. I have two

15 of my R&A team are going to be doing the accessing,

16 over.

17 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. Do you have

18 enough OBA canister and such onboard to handle a

19 potential reflash, over.

20 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, at this time we do,

21 over.

22 Juneau Radio, roger, out.

23 (Inaudible)

24 Channel 12.

25 Roger, channel 12.

1 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

2 Anacapa, over.

3 Roger, request the exact on scene weather,
4 over.

5 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, roger, on-scene
6 weather, I have got about one foot chop, maybe eight,
7 the wind out of the south. Visibility probably about
8 four miles, over.

9 Stand by.

10 Motor Vessel Columbia, Anacapa, one, six.

11 Anacapa, Columbia, one, six.

12 Columbia, Anacapa, roger sir, just want to
13 know what kind of fire fighting fittings on deck that
14 you guys have. We have got a P250 with fire fighting
15 foam if we need it. We are wondering if we should have
16 that over on scene. It is not going to be able to
17 reach all the way down the engine room and draw suction
18 at the same time, but I was wondering if we would be
19 able to tie into the fire main system on deck anywhere,
20 over.

21 We have universal fittings. I don't think
22 that's necessary. What we have right now, is we have,
23 had a fire in the main bus and we have got, it is
24 knocked out. This fire is knocked down. Got so much
25 smoke and stuff and we have got emergency power around

1 the main bus. And we have lights and we have the
2 radios. But, that is all we have right now. And our
3 emergency generator is operating fine. We don't have
4 any need for going in any space with water right now.
5 I have got tugs coming out from the company, we are
6 talking with the company on the cell phone right now.
7 We are giving them a full damage report. But, that is
8 what has happened. We had some work done on our
9 electrical distribution bus, in the shipyard, and
10 something rattled loose in this. We, somebody, an
11 oiler making a round heard a little noise in this bus,
12 shortly before it went out, but things got so hot in
13 there that the main bus is knocked out until this stuff
14 will get to a shipyard. So, I am going to make plans
15 now how to safely get my passengers off here in an
16 orderly fashion and get this ship towed to a safe port,
17 over.

18 Roger that. Don't want anyone putting salt
19 water on that bus anyway. Okay. We will just stand
20 by here then.

21 I have got a Co2 as a main reserve if we have
22 got some sort of thing break out here, but we have gone
23 all around and looked up above and down below and
24 looked for smoke leaking from the space and we think we
25 have got it pretty well bottled up right now. A little

1 smoke gets out when we had to go in and out of there.
2 But, the chief engineer just gave me a thorough report.
3 He went into the space and looked at it himself.
4 Over.

5 Roger that. Sounds good. Did they access
6 the space at all at this point.

7 Yes, they accessed it, took a look at it and
8 said nothing we can do, but seal it up, keep the smoke
9 contained.

10 Roger that. We will just stay, stand by here
11 in case you need us.

12 Appreciate that. Motor Vessel Columbia, out.
13 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

14 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, over.

15 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. Air
16 Station Sitka be launching the helo. Onboard will be
17 extra air packs and also two Sitka fire department
18 personnel, over.

19 Juneau Radio, Cutter Anacapa, roger. I just
20 conversed with the Motor Vessel Columbia, on this
21 channel. The fire is out. They have accessed the
22 space. Their main bus is fired, but the fire appears
23 to be out right now. I am not sure if we need that
24 extra equipment and personnel, over.

25 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. Is the reflash

1 set, over.

2 Roger, they've got personnel in the space.

3 Their engineering officer went through the space and
4 all around it. There is no smoke leaking out. There
5 is just a lot of smoke in the space, itself and their
6 bus, their main bus in their engine room, but, that is
7 it, over.

8 (Inaudible) Golden Eagle, over.

9 Golden Eagle, find a working frequency.
10 Juneau Radio, out.

11 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger, confirm
12 that there was no actual burning of fuel involved, that
13 only the main bus is the only thing to have actually
14 been on fire, over.

15 Juneau Radio, cutter Anacapa, roger. As far
16 as I understand. Break, Break, Motor Vessel Columbia,
17 Anacapa, if I am saying anything incorrect, please jump
18 in here, over.

19 (Inaudible)

20 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, request
21 confirm all information previously passed by Anacapa is
22 correct, over.

23 Go ahead Juneau, this is Columbia.

24 Columbia, Juneau Radio, confirm that it was
25 only a main bus that burnt and nothing else, also

1 confirm that reflash watch has been set, over.

2 (Inaudible)

3 Juneau Radio, this is Columbia, one, six.

4 Columbia, Juneau Radio, over.

5 Confirm that it was just confined to the main
6 bus. We do have it all contained. We have all the, we
7 have a fire watch set and what have you, but as of
8 right now, the bus, the main bus is sealed and that's
9 where I'm at right now.

10 Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger. Confirm that
11 your intent is to put in tow and transfer passengers,
12 over.

13 Standby, please.

14 (Inaudible)

15 Motor Vessel Taku, Columbia?

16 This is the Taku, go ahead.

17 Tom, this is the plan I just worked out with
18 the office, and I told them it was subject to your
19 approval. I would like you to take you on my lee side,
20 come in gently, dock the ships together. I need to use
21 your wenches. I have no wenches. I would like to do
22 an orderly evacuation of my passengers across my car
23 deck, out my port side door, and into your starboard
24 side door. And I'll let them get their wallets, purses
25 and dogs, coats, but not their luggage, over.

1 Yea, what's your total crew?

2 Crew, 62 and if you need a couple of stewards to
3 go with them, I can send you some stewards to go with.

4 What is your passenger count?

5 Four, thirty four.

6 Now, we are going to be over limit on
7 passengers. But we don't have a full car deck, so we
8 should be alright. I will come in on the starboard side
9 and we will pass lines across, is that how you want to
10 do that to hold this together?

11 Please. I can have all my people go, all the
12 passengers go with a life jacket on, if you would like
13 and that will give you enough life jackets.

14 Yeah, I would like that, especially if we are
15 going to cross, kind of, just in case something
16 happens, they should be in a life jacket.

17 That is the plan then.

18 I will get some sailors up there on the port
19 side, let me know when you are getting close. I have to
20 let Juneau know just before we do this, so everything
21 works out. But, it sounds like the way to go. I will
22 start getting the passengers in life jackets and let
23 them get their belongings.

24 Sounds good. Do you plan on one line
25 forward, one line aft?

1 If we can breast them that should work, Tom.

2 I don't know how your chocks line up with mine, I
3 will let you pick those out and point to my guys. I
4 might not have even a docking PA. My main bus is fried
5 and I have limited electrical circuits right now.

6 Okay. Well, I will plan on that. I will
7 plan one forward and one aft for the time being and we
8 will see how we line up. You are a few inches taller
9 than I am, so we will see what it looks like. I will
10 get back to you.

11 Just in general, remember steel on steel and
12 I can't do anything to help, so.

13 Roger that. Would you like I come along on
14 your port?

15 Captain Taku, Chief Mate of the Taku. Where
16 do you want the rescue boat? Do you want it to
17 standing by Capt. or do you want me back on board?

18 Just standing by in case we lose somebody in
19 the water, you will be there.

20 Okay. Sounds good.

21 Taku port side to, to starboard side of the
22 Columbia?

23 Starboard, Taku to port side Columbia.

24 Break, break Motor vessel Taku, Anacapa.

25 Taku, Anacapa.

1 Taku, Anacapa, roger, we've got fenders and
2 also shoring if you need them and you can use those
3 fenders if you want those too, over.

4 Taku, we'll take a look and see what we got
5 when we get there.

6 Roger that. All right, we will be in the
7 water, standing by.

8 Taku, Anacapa, where do you want us so you
9 can do this.

10 Stand by, please.

11 Yea, Columbia, just confirming that without
12 power that your port door is open.

13 Don't know if we can get that port door open.
14 We are checking on that now, Captain.

15 Roger. I won't go along aside until I know
16 which side I can come up.

17 Taku, Anacapa we're going to go off their
18 bow.

19 Roger, Anacapa, Thank-you.

20 Port door, port door has been opened, port
21 door has been opened.

22 (Inaudible.)

23 Juneau Radio, cutter Anacapa, Channel one,
24 six.

25 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

1 Juneau Radio, cutter Anacapa, roger, just to
2 confirm, is that helo still in route, over.

3 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, correct, I will
4 contact the command center with further direction,
5 over.

6 Roger, I just, if they are in route and they
7 are planning on dropping hoisting anything down, could
8 you give me an ETA to our position, over.

9 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, standby.

10 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. The ready helo
11 at Sitka is about to take off, no ETA available at this
12 time, over.

13 Roger, let me know when they are airborne.

14 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, roger, out.

15 Yea, bridge, chief mate we are sending in
16 Bosun and two people to the stern -- two people on the
17 bow to tie-up to the Taku there.

18 Yea, Captain Columbia, chief mate. We had
19 brought up bridge wings potentially interfering here, I
20 just wanted to bring that up to your attention.

21 Yes sir, rodger on that. Break, break,
22 Columbia, Taku. We will pass you lines. We will pass
23 you two lines, one forward, one aft. Are you ready.

24 Just about Tom. I have got to call the
25 office, to let them know we are ready to start and do

1 you have a walkie talkies with channel 17, that is what
2 we are using for our emergency frequency, so I can be
3 out on the bridge when you come along aside to talk
4 with you.

5 Seventeen and roger on that.

6 I've got sixteen in the wheelhouse if you
7 need to put out an outside call or something, ready to
8 go, that will be monitored, too. Thanks.

9 Just give me one minute to call JCO and get
10 the sailors on deck.

11 (Inaudible)

12 Roger. Bosun and Chief mate.

13 (Inaudible)

14 (Inaudible)

15 Taku, Anacapa.

16 Yea, Anacapa, this is Taku.

17 Taku, Anacapa, sir, I have got some 4 by 12s
18 and some 7 by 10 foot if you need them.

19 Okay. Roger. I think we have got enough down
20 there between the two of us, so we should be all right.

21 Roger, that.

22 Let you know. Thanks for the help.

23 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, over.

24 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, go ahead.

25 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger, the Coast Guard

1 Rescue 6011 is airborne from Sitka, we will have ETA
2 shortly, over.

3 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, understand six, zero,
4 one, one, is airborne at this time.

5 Taku, Anacapa, I'm on.

6 Roger, thanks. Juneau, Coast Guard, we are
7 going to be along aside, if we could keep the
8 conversation at a minimum for a few minutes, I would
9 appreciate it.

10 Motor Vessel Columbia, Juneau Radio, roger,
11 standby, 16 out.

12 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, I will be standing by
13 21 if you need us.

14 Roger. Helo will be on scene approximately
15 30 minutes, Juneau Radio out.

16 (Inaudible) try another frequency Capt.

17 Trying to get the Second mate.

18 Captain, Chief Mate.

19 Rain Bird, Rain Bird, Green Catcher, one,
20 six.

21 (Inaudible) Summertime.

22 I, C, C, I, C, C, this is Summertime, over.

23 Chief Mate on the Columbia (inaudible.)

24 (Inaudible.)

25 Third Mate, Debbie, are you on?

1 The Fly in and out (inaudible)

2 Anacapa, Juneau Radio, two, one, over.

3 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, go ahead.

4 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. Request
5 to know from what you can see how the vessels are
6 doing, what they are saying on channel 13. We do not
7 have that capability. Also request to know if we
8 passed to you that there will be two Sitka fire
9 department personnel on the Helo that will be --

10 (Tape 1 ended.)

11 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, two, one, over.

12 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, go ahead.

13 Cutter Anacapa, Juneau Radio, roger. Request
14 to know from what you can see how the vessels are
15 doing, what they are saying on channel 13, we do not
16 have that capability. Also request to know if we
17 passed to you that there will be two Sitka fire
18 department personnel on the Helo that will be dropped
19 off on the boat, over.

20 Juneau Radio, Anacapa, roger, understand,
21 they plan hoisting them to the Columbia or to us, over.

22 Roger, we believe the Columbia, we can
23 confirm that, and we can also confirm an ETA, over.

24 Roger that, just to let you know the Taku and
25 the Columbia are just about moored up to each other as